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SUBJ: EC TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION--SEMI-CONDUCTORS

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1. ECON/COMMOFF APPROACHED FONOFF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY O'CEALLAIGH DEC 7 RE SEMI-CONDUCTOR QUESTION, MADE POINTS DRAWN FROM REFTELS AND REFAIR, AND DELIVERED NOTE MAKING SIMILAR POINTS, DRAWING ON USEC NOTE OF NOVEMBER 21, AND ENCLOSING MEMORANDUM. WE POINTED OUT THAT IRELAND SHOULD HAVE DIRECT INTEREST IN MATTER IN VIEW IMPORTANT
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OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN IRELAND, WITH TOTAL ANNUAL

PRODUCTION VOLUME OF \$120 MILLION THIS YEAR EXPECTED TO AT LEAST DOUBLE BY 1977. WE NOTED THAT SEMI-CONDUCTOR DISCS AND ELEMENTS NOT RPT NOT PRODUCED IN IRELAND, AND LARGER CONSUMERS OF THESE PRODUCTS IMPORT FROM U.S. (BASED ON INFO FROM GE SUBSIDIARIES IN IRELAND). IRISH ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ALMOST ENTIRELY US BASED AND LARGELY US SUPPLIED.

2. O'CEALLAIGH SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ISSUE, HAVING SERVED AS IRISH REP WHEN EC DISCUSSED IT PREVIOUSLY. HE SAID IRISH HAD PROPOSED COMPROMISE DUTY RATE, BUT FRENCH AND ITALIANS, WHO APPARENTLY PRODUCE SEMI-CONDUCTORS, OPPOSED. O'CEALLAIGH BELIEVED FRENCH AND ITALIANS WOULD CONTINUE RESIST. WE URGED GOI NEVER- THELESS SUPPORT OUR POSITION, ON LEGAL GROUNDS AND AS IN IRELAND'S OWN INTEREST.
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